

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A method of communication between terminal equipment and an accessory connected to the terminal equipment, the method comprising  
    providing in the terminal equipment an application interface for services offered by the terminal,  
    executing an accessory software application in the accessory,  
    executing a proxy application in the terminal equipment, the proxy application providing the accessory software application with the services offered by the application interface.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
    detecting the connecting of the accessory to the terminal equipment automatically in the terminal equipment.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising  
    downloading the proxy application from the accessory to the terminal equipment automatically after detecting the accessory .
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising  
    executing the proxy application in the terminal equipment automatically after downloading.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the proxy application sets up and controls data transfer between the accessory and the terminal equipment.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
    querying ~~[[the]]~~ properties of the application interface,  
    sending information about the properties to the accessory software application.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the properties of the application interface  
comprise the functions supported by the interface and the version of the interface.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein more than one accessory software application  
is executed in the accessory.
9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the proxy application is a  
~~[[java]]~~Java application and the proxy application is interpreted in the terminal equipment  
by a ~~java-virtual-machine~~Java Virtual Machine.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the accessory software application is a  
~~[[java]]~~Java application and the application is interpreted in the accessory by a ~~java-virtual~~  
~~machine~~Java Virtual Machine.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the accessory software application uses the  
application interface of the terminal equipment via the proxy application.
12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
    executing the accessory software application in the accessory as a ~~non-java~~non-Java  
application,  
    providing by the proxy application in the terminal equipment a ~~[[java]]~~Java  
application interface for the accessory software application.
13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising

executing the accessory software application in the accessory as a ~~non-java~~non-Java application,

providing by the proxy application in the terminal equipment a ~~non-java~~non-Java application interface for the accessory software application.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the services offered by the terminal comprise communication services and user interface services.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the accessory software application enables a user of the accessory to operate the terminal equipment.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the software platform is a Symbian operating system and the proxy application is realized as a Symbian application.

17. (Original) Terminal equipment comprising:

a connection interface enabling an accessory to be connected to the terminal equipment,

an application interface to services offered by the terminal,

a software platform configured to execute a proxy application providing services offered by the application interface for an accessory software application executed in an accessory connected to the terminal equipment.

18. (Original) The terminal equipment of claim 17, further comprising

an accessory manager configured to download a proxy application from an accessory connected to the terminal equipment.

19. (Original) The terminal equipment of claim 17, further comprising

an accessory manager configured to obtain information about accessory software in an accessory connected to the terminal equipment.

20. (Original) The terminal equipment of claim 17, the terminal equipment being configured to detect the connecting of the accessory to the terminal equipment automatically.

21. (Currently amended) The terminal equipment of claim 17, wherein the software platform is configured to execute a proxy application providing in the terminal equipment a ~~[[java]]~~Java application interface for the accessory software application executed in an accessory connected to the terminal equipment.

22. (Currently amended) The terminal equipment of claim 17, wherein the software platform is configured to execute a proxy application providing in the terminal equipment a ~~non-java~~non-Java application interface for the accessory software application executed in an accessory connected to the terminal equipment.

23. (Original) The terminal equipment of claim 17, wherein the software platform is configured to execute a proxy application providing a user interface of an accessory connected to the terminal equipment.

24. (Currently amended) The terminal equipment of claim 17, wherein the software platform is a ~~java-virtual-machine~~Java Virtual Machine.

25. (Original) The terminal equipment of claim 17, wherein the software platform is a Symbian operating system.

26. (Original) An accessory for terminal equipment, comprising  
    means for connecting the accessory to the terminal equipment,  
    means for executing an accessory software application, configured to communicate with the terminal equipment via a proxy application executed in the terminal equipment and to utilize services offered by the terminal equipment via the proxy application.

27. (Original) The accessory of claim 26, further comprising  
means for uploading a proxy application to the terminal equipment automatically  
when being connected to said terminal equipment
28. (Original) The accessory of claim 26, wherein the accessory is a cover for the terminal  
equipment.
29. (Original) The accessory of claim 26, wherein the accessory is an independently  
functioning external device.
30. (Original) The accessory of claim 26, wherein the accessory has a wireless connection  
to the terminal equipment.
31. (Original) The accessory of claim 26, wherein the accessory has a wire line connection  
to the terminal equipment.
32. (Original) The accessory of claim 26, wherein the user interface of the accessory is  
provided by an application interface of the terminal equipment.
33. (Original) The accessory of claim 26, wherein the user interface of the terminal  
equipment is provided by the accessory.
34. (New) An accessory for terminal equipment, comprising:  
a communication interface;  
memory; and  
a processor including a software platform configured to communicate with the  
terminal equipment via a proxy application executed in the terminal equipment and to  
utilize services offered by the terminal equipment via the proxy application.

35. (New) Terminal equipment comprising:

means for connecting an accessory to the terminal equipment;

an application interface to services offered by the terminal; and

means for executing a proxy application configured to provide services offered by the application interface for an accessory software application executed in the accessory.